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Thai broiler meat production is forecast to grow slightly in 2001, spurred by increased domestic consumption. Increased production is likely to be met by improved productivity of Thai broiler industry through greater use of evaporated cooling system in broiler farming, mainly by integrated producers. It is estimated that about 60 percent of total broiler production will be raised under this system in 2001, compared to around 50-55 percent in 2000. Thailand is likely to continue its struggle to overcome disadvantages in production costs by shifting production lines to higher value-added products.

Thailand's chicken meat exports in 2001 are forecast to remain basically unchanged at 270,000 tons due to fierce competition from competitors like Brazil, China, and the United States. A possibility that China may be eligible to export its products to the EU market again may pose an additional competitive threat to Thailand's sales in that market.

Thailand's broiler meat exports in 2000 (Jan-Jun)

(Unit: Tons)	Semi-Cooked		
Country	Uncooked	& Cooked	Total Exports
ASIA:	77,857	22,655	100,512
Japan	63,190	18,109	81,299
Singapore	4,094	2,978	7,072
China	2,360	0	2,360
Hong Kong	4,004	1,377	5,381
S. Korea	2,578	119	2,697
Malaysia	1,585	72	1,657
Others	46	0	46
EUROPE:	31,006	13,234	44,240
EU	30,759	13,234	43,993
Belgium	24	98	122
Germany	15,115	1,108	16,223
Netherlands	8,815	6,402	15,217
U.K.	5,712	5,489	11,201
Others	1,093	137	1,230
OTHER EUROPE	247	0	247
MIDDLE EAST	462	5	467
AFRICA & OTHERS	19	39	58
TOTAL	109,344	35,933	145,277

Japan and European countries remain the major markets for Thai broiler meat in 2000. In the first half of 2000, Japan accounted for 56 percent of total broiler meat export (against 59 percent in 1999). Meanwhile, the EU accounted for 30 percent of total exports (against 28 percent in 1999). Japan usually buys uncooked meat in forms of boneless breast meat, boneless leg meat, and special cut meat in stick (Yakitori). The EU normally buys uncooked meat in form of skinless boneless breast meat, and semi-cooked and cooked meat in made-to-order style.

Although exports of uncooked and cooked chicken meat in the first half of 2000 appeared to increase by 13 percent, total exports for 2000 are forecast to drop slightly to 270,000 tons following an anticipated slowdown in exports in the second half of the year.

Trade sources reported that sales of chicken meat, especially boneless leg meat to Japan, may drop sharply in the second half of the year due to a slowdown in supplies from Thai processors and continued heavy competition from China. They claimed that China has imported cheap bone-in leg and boneless leg from the U.S. for further-processing and re-exporting to Japan.

Egg production is forecast to decline in 2001 following a cut-back in production of layers. Nearly all breeding layer and layer farms have faced serious losses in most of 2000 due to depressed prices for eggs. Domestic consumption and exports of eggs should decrease in 2001 in line with production.

Source: USDA/Foreign Agricultural Service

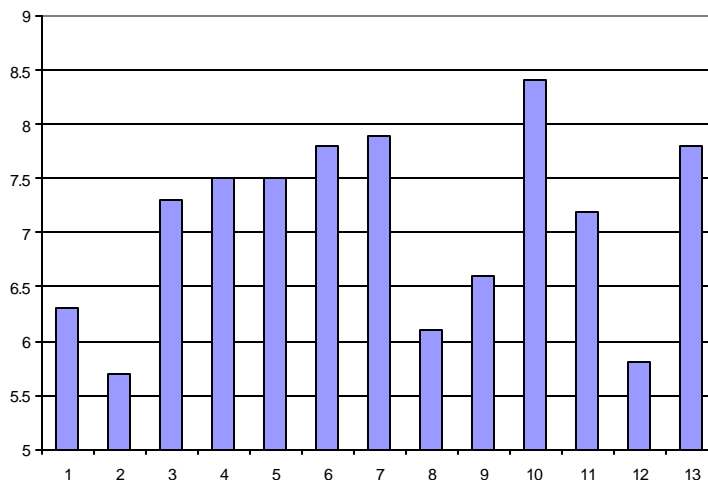
U. S. Poultry Meat Exports

Exports for the first three quarters of Fiscal Year (FY) 2000 increased by 18 percent in value and 26 percent in volume compared FY1999. August FY 2000 estimates were increased from the June estimates. U.S. poultry meat shipments are projected down 100,000 tons to 2.7 million tons in 2001, but prices are expected to remain fairly firm.

	Oct-Jun 1999	Oct-Jun 2000	FY 1999	Estimate FY 2000 Jun Aug	Forecast FY 2001 Aug
In Billion Dollars	1.274	1.497	1.755	1.9 2.0	1.9
In Million Metric Tons	1.743	2.204	2.416	2.7 2.8	2.7

Source: USDA Economic Research Service and Foreign Agricultural Service

U.S. Shell Egg Exports, June 1999 - June 2000 (in million dozens)



Source: USDA/Economic Research Service

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Inspected Egg Products-U.S. & Canada Export/Import Trade
U.S. Exports to Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)

Week Ending Sep 02, 2000	2000	1999/1	Year-To-Date 2000	1999
Liquid	102	357	4,776	9,517
Frozen	0	0	126	6
Dried	36	40	376	424
Total	138	397	5,278	9,947

U.S. Imports From Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)

Week Ending Sep 02, 2000	2000	1999/1	Year-To-Date 2000	1999
Liquid	37	60	3,911	3,370
Frozen	13	3	569	254
Dried	0	0	654	166
Total	50	63	5,134	3,790

Inspected Shell Eggs**U.S Exports To Canada, In 30-Dozen Cases (Preliminary)**

Week Ending Sep 02, 2000	2000	1999/1	Year-To-Date 2000	1999
Jumbo	80	77	1,327	910
Extra Large	1,090	2,120	33,694	26,605
Large	2,820	4,877	97,917	92,327
Medium	760	1,628	24,729	35,480
Ungraded	17,310	21,783	256,954	417,083
Misc	750	0	8,637	5,358
Total	22,810	30,485	423,258	577,763

/1 Comparable Week, to-date figures may not total due to rounding.

Source: USDA/AMS Poultry Programs, Market News Branch in cooperation with Agriculture Canada, Poultry Development Division.

CENTRAL REGION PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND FOR DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS. 08-SEP-00

CHICKEN PRICES

	-----FROZEN-----	-----FRESH-----
FAT	FOB DELIVERED	FOB DELIVERED
CONTENT	DOCK	DOCK
15% OR LESS		
RANGE	-	-
WTD AVERAGE		
0 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.		

CHICKEN PRICES, WITH ADDED SKIN

15% OR LESS		
RANGE	-	12.00
WTD AVERAGE		12.00
40,800 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.		

15-20%		
RANGE	15.00	11.00-14.50 13.00-15.00
WTD AVERAGE	15.00	12.47 14.52
1,478,800 pounds, this includes 81,600 pounds for export shipment.		

20% OR MORE		
RANGE	-	-
WTD AVERAGE		

0 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.

* INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING STATES: AL, AR, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MI, MN, MO, MS, ND, NE, OK, OH, SD, TN, TX, WI

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER INSPECTION W/E 02-Sep-00
(PRELIMINARY)**U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED DOMESTICALLY**

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
	THOUSANDS		
HEAD	1,827	1,570	3,397
LAST WEEK	1,823	1,311	3,134
SAME WEEK YR AGO	1,883	1,522	3,405
TO-DATE/2000	68,050	50,328	118,378
TO-DATE/1999	74,525	48,267	122,792

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
	THOUSANDS		
HEAD	356	27	383
LAST WEEK	418	47	465
SAME WEEK YR AGO	452	0	452
TO-DATE/2000	16,605	271	16,876
TO-DATE/1999	16,737	199	16,936

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

**TOTAL U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED
IN THE U.S. AND CANADA**

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
	THOUSANDS		
HEAD	2,183	1,597	3,780
LAST WEEK	2,241	1,358	3,599
SAME WEEK YR AGO	2,335	1,522	3,857
TO-DATE/2000	84,655	50,599	135,254
TO-DATE/1999	91,262	48,466	139,728

EASTERN REGION PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND FOR DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS. 08-SEP-00

CHICKEN PRICES

	-----FROZEN-----	-----FRESH-----
FAT	FOB DELIVERED	FOB DELIVERED
CONTENT	DOCK	DOCK
15% OR LESS		
RANGE	17.00-17.25	-
WTD AVERAGE	17.09	
304,000 pounds, this includes 104,000 pounds for export shipment.		

CHICKEN PRICES, WITH ADDED SKIN

15% OR LESS		
RANGE	15.00-17.00 17.50-21.00	18.00 17.00
WTD AVERAGE	16.22 18.20	18.00 17.00
828,000 pounds, this includes 248,000 pounds for export shipment.		

15-20%		
RANGE	13.00-17.00	12.50-15.00 14.00-15.00
WTD AVERAGE	14.00	14.54 14.20
1,684,800 pounds, this includes 524,000 pounds for export shipment.		

20% OR MORE		
RANGE	-	12.75
WTD AVERAGE		12.75

160,000 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.

INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING STATES: CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, SC, VA, VT, WV

NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT

FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS

SEPTEMBER 08, 2000

Trade sentiment steady to fully steady on 4-8 lb. breasts with light to fair inquiry noted. Trading slow. Offerings of plant grade 4-8 lb. breasts light to instances adequate for current shipments, Grade A 4-8 lb. breasts light with private labels the least available. Thigh meat trade sentiment was steady to fully steady on both fresh and frozen with frozen the strongest due mostly to exports. Demand light to instances good, mostly fair. Offerings of frozen thigh meat light, fresh light to adequate. Offerings of necks readily available with some excess inventories noted being moved into pet foods at lower trending prices. Offerings of drums and 2-joint wings light, full-cut wings tight to instances adequate with offers in the East the least available. Domestic and export trading light. For export: tom necks 14, hearts 17, mixed defatted gizzards 56, scapula 108, frozen tom breast meat 158 cents delivered.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 08, 2000**EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)	WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICE	WEEKLY VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	29.00		29.00	160	28.08	372
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	24.00		24.00	40	21.46	800
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM						
TAILS		R	20.00	156	20.00	156
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/		R	14.50	520	14.70	600
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	60.00-61.00		60.17	120	58.17	944

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 07, 2000**EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	27.00		27.00	80
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	21.00-23.00		21.56	144
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS	20.00		20.00	156
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/	14.50		14.50	520
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	60.00-61.00		60.33	120

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 06, 2000**EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	27.00		27.00	52
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	20.00-23.00		21.27	616
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS		W	19.50	360
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/	16.00		16.00	80
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	57.00-60.00		57.45	704

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 05, 2000**EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	28.00		28.00	80
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		R	23.00	208
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS		W	19.50	360
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/		F	16.08	392
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		F	57.59	216

*****NOTICE*******MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 04, 2000****NO EXPORT TRADING REPORTED DUE TO LABOR DAY HOLIDAY**

1/ CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.): M=MONDAY T=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R=THURSDAY F=FRIDAY

2/ Product contains 15-20% fat with skin added.

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